

Fighters All Wear Aliases Just Like 'Chorus Ladies'

Pugilists Cast Into Discard Their Baptismal Names, Especially Italians and Germans, and Show a Preference for English, Scottish or Irish Titles.

By Frank G. Menke.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—It's considered awfully vulgar and common these days for prize fighting persons to wear the names given them at the baptismal font. In their efforts to be fashionable the pugilistic persons have so far obliterated their childhood names that some of the parents are able to identify their fighting offspring now solely through the medium of birthmarks, gold filled teeth or fondness for certain foods and liquors.

Little Ritchie, lightweight champion, isn't Willie Ritchie at all. He's Georgy Steffen, the same being a German name, which gives the lie to the common belief that Willie is English or Welsh. Willie was Georgy until he substituted one p.m. for a fighter named Willie Richardson who was to take part in some preliminary scrap, but failed to be among those present. Georgy made the daylight out of his opponent and the crowd being unaware of the substitution, cheered loudly for Willie Richardson. Georgy then decided to grab off the name for himself. Later he changed it to Ritchie, it being more poetic.

Crow's Real Name Wallace. Louis Wallace—that's the name Jack Crow used to wear. But friends, commenting upon his showing during his first ring engagement, declared that he hung onto his opponent like a "beast" and he (Louis) seemed as "cross as a bear" whenever his opponent smote him upon the proboscis. And there you are—Leach Crow.

When the late Stanley Ketchel made his first ring appearance the referee asked his name. "Stanislaus Kiecar" was the answer. The announcer tried to twist his tongue around it, failed, and turned to the crowd and asked: "That ain't your name—your name is Stanley Ketchel, see?" Stanislaus "Stan" Kiecar.

Freddie Welsh, the English lightweight, was Freddie Thomas during his school days. One day someone asked him if he was Welsh. He answered that "I am Welsh" and a

conference regarding the organization of an El Paso team is not known. It is a certain fact that the league, however, will have a club in the Copper Belt. The fact that the El Paso team is without a manager could easily be overcome. There are a large number of big league ball players who have passed their heyday in the fast circles, and who would be glad of an offer to handle a minor league club. Silver City is in the same boat, being without a pilot, Eddie Ward having passed over to the Hurley team. Bill Crawford, business manager of the White Sox last season, has received between 75 and 100 letters from play-

ers who are anxious to play in the southwest. "Every time I go to the postoffice, there are a number of letters from players who are desirous of coming to El Paso," said Crawford. "The success of the El Paso club last season at Albuquerque and the outlook for a banner season here has no doubt attracted them."

Entries Juarez Jockey Club

RACES

Friday, Feb. 6—7th Day.

First race—Selling; 3 year olds maidens. Three and a half furlongs.
Fred V. 105
Eddie May 105
Sally 105
Mamie 105
Wahalee 105
Helen 105
Dagdale 105
Hattie Wood 105
Gr. L. Ay. Atkins-Hands Around (H. H. Hamrick)

Second race—Selling; 3 year olds and upward. Six furlongs.
Amari 105
C. K. Davis 105
Red Worth 105
Hedford 105
Kid Nelson 105
Lulu Riddle 105
Grizzly Bear 105
Chas. Goetz 105
Bancroft 105
Port Johnson 105
Charles Fox 105
Lee Harrison II. 105
Compton 105
Drum 105
Gr. L. Ay. Atkins-Hands Around (H. H. Hamrick)

Third race—Selling; 3 year olds. Six furlongs.
Bertha V. 105
Eddie May 105
Caldera 105
Christmas Eve 105
Kid Nelson 105
Lulu Riddle 105
Grizzly Bear 105
Chas. Goetz 105
Bancroft 105
Port Johnson 105
Charles Fox 105
Lee Harrison II. 105
Compton 105
Drum 105
Gr. L. Ay. Atkins-Hands Around (H. H. Hamrick)

Fourth race—Three year olds and upward. Handicap. Seven furlongs.
Orlando Burns 105
Truly 105
Royal Dory 105
Pay Street 105
Col. Marchmont 105
Mars 105
Annual Interest 105
Sixth race—Selling; 4 year olds and upward. Mile and a sixteenth.
Sally Shapiro 105
Retente 105
C. W. Kannon 105
The Beard 105
Price Control 105
Star Heris 105
Falcon 105
Five pounds allowance claimed.

Wednesday Results.
First race—Five and one-half furlongs; selling; 3 year olds and up; value \$200.
Droll, 2 to 1, won. Time, 1:37 1/2.
114 (Century), 4 to 1, second; Francis, 100 to 1, third. Time, 1:37 1/2.
Amahulu, 2 to 1, fourth. Time, 1:37 1/2.
Queen Topsy, 2 to 1, fifth. Time, 1:37 1/2.
Second race—Six furlongs; selling; 3 year olds and up; value \$200.
Little Jane, 110 to 1, won. Time, 1:37 1/2.
Claver, 5 to 1, second; Vindie, 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:37 1/2.
Hardy, 2 to 1, fourth. Time, 1:37 1/2.
Charles Goetz, 2 to 1, fifth. Time, 1:37 1/2.
Amahulu, 2 to 1, sixth. Time, 1:37 1/2.
Third race—Five and one-half furlongs; selling; 3 year olds and up; value \$200.
Claver, 5 to 1, won. Time, 1:37 1/2.
Claver, 5 to 1, second; Vindie, 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:37 1/2.
Hardy, 2 to 1, fourth. Time, 1:37 1/2.
Charles Goetz, 2 to 1, fifth. Time, 1:37 1/2.
Amahulu, 2 to 1, sixth. Time, 1:37 1/2.

Fourth race—Seven furlongs; selling; 3 year olds and up; value \$200.
New Haven, 105 to 1, won. Time, 1:40.
Nannie McDev, 92 to 1, second; Alvia, 105 to 1, third. Time, 1:40.
Fulton, 57 to 1, fourth. Time, 1:40.
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Fifth race—Five and one-half furlongs; selling; 3 year olds and up; value \$200.
Nannie McDev, 92 to 1, won. Time, 1:40.
Alvia, 105 to 1, second; Fulton, 57 to 1, third. Time, 1:40.
Fulton, 57 to 1, fourth. Time, 1:40.
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Sixth race—Mile; selling; 4 year olds and up; value \$200.
Fulton, 57 to 1, won. Time, 1:40.
Fulton, 57 to 1, second; Alvia, 105 to 1, third. Time, 1:40.
Fulton, 57 to 1, fourth. Time, 1:40.

Seventh race—Five and one-half furlongs; selling; 3 year olds and up; value \$200.
Nannie McDev, 92 to 1, won. Time, 1:40.
Alvia, 105 to 1, second; Fulton, 57 to 1, third. Time, 1:40.
Fulton, 57 to 1, fourth. Time, 1:40.

Eighth race—Five and one-half furlongs; selling; 3 year olds and up; value \$200.
Nannie McDev, 92 to 1, won. Time, 1:40.
Alvia, 105 to 1, second; Fulton, 57 to 1, third. Time, 1:40.
Fulton, 57 to 1, fourth. Time, 1:40.

Ninth race—Five and one-half furlongs; selling; 3 year olds and up; value \$200.
Nannie McDev, 92 to 1, won. Time, 1:40.
Alvia, 105 to 1, second; Fulton, 57 to 1, third. Time, 1:40.
Fulton, 57 to 1, fourth. Time, 1:40.

Tenth race—Five and one-half furlongs; selling; 3 year olds and up; value \$200.
Nannie McDev, 92 to 1, won. Time, 1:40.
Alvia, 105 to 1, second; Fulton, 57 to 1, third. Time, 1:40.
Fulton, 57 to 1, fourth. Time, 1:40.

Eleventh race—Five and one-half furlongs; selling; 3 year olds and up; value \$200.
Nannie McDev, 92 to 1, won. Time, 1:40.
Alvia, 105 to 1, second; Fulton, 57 to 1, third. Time, 1:40.
Fulton, 57 to 1, fourth. Time, 1:40.

Twelfth race—Five and one-half furlongs; selling; 3 year olds and up; value \$200.
Nannie McDev, 92 to 1, won. Time, 1:40.
Alvia, 105 to 1, second; Fulton, 57 to 1, third. Time, 1:40.
Fulton, 57 to 1, fourth. Time, 1:40.

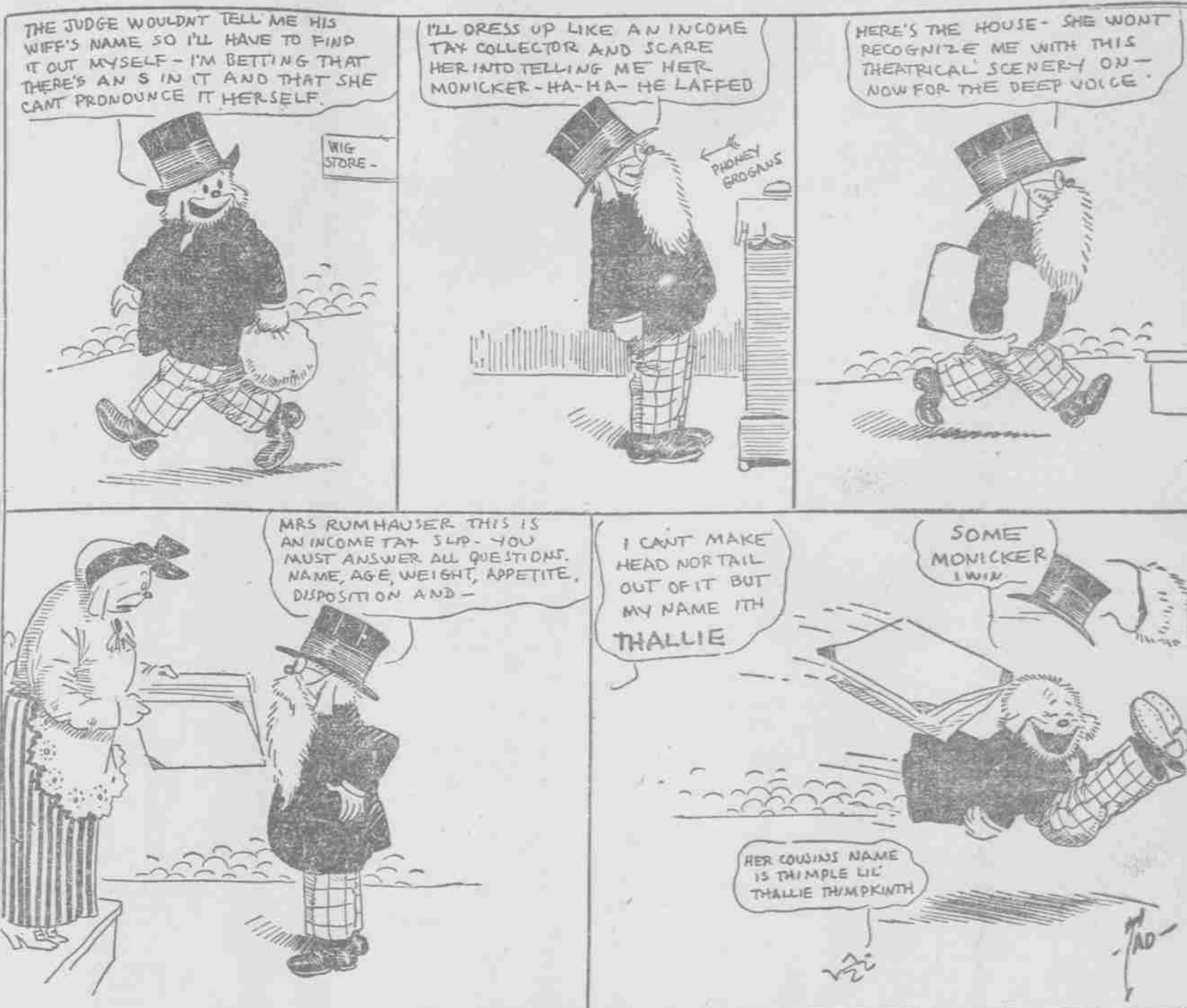
Thirteenth race—Five and one-half furlongs; selling; 3 year olds and up; value \$200.
Nannie McDev, 92 to 1, won. Time, 1:40.
Alvia, 105 to 1, second; Fulton, 57 to 1, third. Time, 1:40.
Fulton, 57 to 1, fourth. Time, 1:40.

Fourteenth race—Five and one-half furlongs; selling; 3 year olds and up; value \$200.
Nannie McDev, 92 to 1, won. Time, 1:40.
Alvia, 105 to 1, second; Fulton, 57 to 1, third. Time, 1:40.
Fulton, 57 to 1, fourth. Time, 1:40.

Silk Hat Harry's Escapades

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By Tad



Will Organize Copper League Meeting To Be Held In El Paso

FOR the purpose of conferring with local officials, relative to the proposed Copper League for the season of 1914, Tommy Smith, manager of the Santa Rita Diggers, and W. H. Janney, president of the Hurley club, will arrive in El Paso Monday night from their respective homes. That the trip of the two men to this city is unprecedented, and a meeting has not been arranged in the stadium, is the opinion of El Paso fans and officials of the White Sox. It is probable that Smith and Janney will be accompanied by one or two members of each club. Silver City will be represented in the conference also, it is said. Although reports from the Hurley Indians that very little action has been taken thus far in the matter of organizing a club, just what action will be taken at

"Billy" Evans's Puzzling Problems of the Diamond

By Billy Evans
Famous American League Umpire.

LOCKING base runners was thought to be brainy baseball some years ago. Third basemen in particular used to practice the art of interfering with the progress of the base runner at the very time the umpire happened to be looking in another direction. Giving the runner the hip just as he rounded third, throwing him off his stride and thus slowing him down, was a favorite diversion of many of the third sackers. Then, too, with a runner on third waiting for a fly ball to be caught, third baseman would invariably grasp the belt strap on the runner's trousers and hold him momentarily, that second or fraction of a second very often resulting in the runner being thrown out at the plate. Such plays were possible with only one umpire working, but with two umpires in charge such a possibility is rather remote. Players have grown wise to this fact and seldom do they try to pull the rough stuff in games where two umpires are working.

A well known umpire who has worked in many of the minor leagues, where business does not always justify two umpires, was telling me one day last summer that such plays as I have described above are still frequent in the bushes. He then told me of a play that the week previous had caused him to be the target for many things he did not ask for.

With one down in the first of the ninth, the visitors got a runner as far as second. One run was needed to tie and two to go in the lead. The batter hit safely to left center. The man on second dashed for the plate. As he rounded third, the third baseman cleverly gave him the hip, causing him to stumble and almost fall. Naturally, he was slowed up considerably, but he continued on to the plate, being thrown out by a narrow margin. The crowd, of course, was intent on watching the play at the plate, but in the meantime things were happening around the first sack. As the batter rounded that base, the first sacker grabbed his arm in such a way as to throw him off his stride, just enough to permit the catcher to heave the ball to second and get him as he slid into the bag. Luckily and unluckily for the umpire, he happened to see both plays.

The crowd, believing the slide retired and the game over, swarmed on to the field. After much effort the playing field was cleared, when the fans discovered that the runner apparently retired at second was allowed to retain possession of the bag. There was much discussion as to what happened to the runner thrown out at the plate. The next batter singled, scoring the man from second. When the next batter died out and the home team still remained in the field, it was evident that the man thought retired at the plate had been allowed to score. The visitors won the game 2 to 2. Some tough work for the umpire, believe me. On what grounds did he base his two rulings?

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Answer to Yesterday's Problem.

REALIZING that the Cleveland club was simply stalling, and also realizing that he would have to hurry matters to get in the required innings, Timothy decided to take the bull by the horns. After having warned Clarke and urged him several times to hurry, it became plainly evident that the Cleveland catcher was not very desirous of batting. Pulling his watch, which was quite a surprise to some of the boys, as they did not believe Tim particular enough to carry one on the field, the latter waited just a minute after summoning Clarke to the bat and then proceeded to retire him. In pulling this stunt, which rarely happens in any league, Hurst was simply taking advantage of section 2 of rule 51, which says that the batsman is out if he fails to take his position within one minute after the umpire has called for the batsman.—B. E.

February 22. Anyone who gets past Rivers, like Wolgast, commands notice, according to Leach.

Charles Baum, the speedy twirler of the San Francisco coast league club, has been approached by Federal league agents. Little trouble is expected in signing Baum, however, as the leaguized pitcher wants to play in San Francisco. It is believed that "Spiller" was well satisfied with the terms offered him, although reports drifted out that he was considering a Federal offer.

When Packer McFarland meets Mike Gibbons in New York he will not make Mike look so badly when the battle waxed hot, according to a well known eastern critic. When McFarland made his opponents look like truck horses, it was because he had an advantage of

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PACKER WILL TRY TO REARRANGE GIBBONS BOUT
Chicago, Ill., Feb. 4.—Packer McFarland, the Chicago pugilist, leaves today for New York where he will

make an effort to rearrange a bout with Mike Gibbons, the St. Paul boxer, word having reached him that a hitler regarding his guarantee had caused a cancellation of the match first arranged for February 12.

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